

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2833–S2914

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2935–2942, and S. Res. 468. **Pages S2877–78**

Measures Reported:

S. 2937, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2017. **Page S2877**

Measures Passed:

Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act: Senate passed S. 2040, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Cornyn/Schumer Amendment No. 3945, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2847–48**

National Police Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 468, designating the week of May 15 through May 21, 2016, as “National Police Week”. **Pages S2910–11**

North Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act: Senate passed S. 1335, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S2911**

Collins (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 4003, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2911**

Measures Considered:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Collins (for King) Amendment No. 3934 (to Amendment No. 3896), to authorize the use of

funds to carry out a matching program with the Department of Education to identify veterans who are unemployable due to a service-connected disability and who are also borrowers of Federal student loans in order to streamline and expedite the process through which such veterans may discharge their Federal student loans. **Page S2868**

Collins (for Rubio) Amendment No. 3918 (to Amendment No. 3896), to shorten the time given to a property owner to respond to a violation of a contract and the time given to the Secretary to develop a Compliance, Disposition, and Enforcement Plan. **Page S2868**

Collins (for Heller) Amendment No. 3905 (to Amendment No. 3896), to prohibit funds from being used to provide housing assistance benefits to individuals convicted of certain criminal offenses. **Page S2868**

Collins (for Rubio) Amendment No. 3926 (to Amendment No. 3896), to determine the effectiveness of Real Estate Assessment Center physical inspections. **Page S2868**

Collins (for Manchin) Amendment No. 3961 (to Amendment No. 3896), to allow airports to use airport improvement program funds to repair damage to runway safety areas caused by natural disasters. **Pages S2868–69**

Collins (for Booker) Amendment No. 3941 (to Amendment No. 3896), to slightly modify the scope of projects eligible for railroad safety grants. **Page S2869**

Kirk (for Tester/Kirk) Amendment No. 3914 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress a report evaluating force structure and military construction requirements in Europe. **Page S2869**

Kirk/Tester Amendment No. 3938 (to Amendment No. 3896), to make a technical correction to section 132 of title I of division J of Public Law 114–113. **Page S2869**

Kirk (for Heller) Amendment No. 3948 (to Amendment No. 3896), to modify the contents of the quarterly report on disability compensation claims. **Page S2869**

Kirk (for Heitkamp/Collins) Amendment No. 3954 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require coordination within the Department of Veterans Affairs to meet the readjustment and psychological counseling needs of veterans in rural and highly rural communities. **Page S2869**

Kirk (for Bennet) Amendment No. 3971 (to Amendment No. 3896), to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training to compete on the United States Olympic Team. **Page S2869**

Pending:

Collins Amendment No. 3896, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2835**

McConnell (for Lee) Amendment No. 3897 (to Amendment No. 3896), to prohibit the use of funds to carry out a rule and notice of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Pages S2835, S2861–62**

McConnell (for Nelson/Rubio) Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3896), making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016 to respond to Zika virus. **Page S2835**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 3899 (to Amendment No. 3896), making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Page S2835**

McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896), Zika response and preparedness. **Pages S2835, S2852–61**

Collins (for Blunt) Amendment No. 3946 (to Amendment No. 3900), to require the periodic submission of spending plan updates to the Committee on Appropriations. **Page S2852**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Collins Amendment No. 3896 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896) (listed above). **Page S2867**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Collins Amendment No. 3896. **Page S2867**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 73), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on McConnell (for Nelson/Rubio) Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3896) (listed above). **Page S2851**

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 74), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having

voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 3899 (to Amendment No. 3896) (listed above). **Pages S2851–52**

By 68 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 75), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896). **Page S2852**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the Monday, May 16, 2016 adoption of Collins (for Feinstein/Portman) Amendment No. 3922 (to Amendment No. 3896), to allow jurisdictions to maintain access to certain funds deposited in their HOME Investment Trust Fund that would otherwise expire, be modified with the changes at the desk. **Pages S2844–45**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 18, 2016; and that all time during the adjournment and morning business count post-cloture on McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896). **Page S2911**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997, with respect to Burma; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–48) **Page S2876**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Eric K. Fanning, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Army. **Page S**

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs), to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring September 27, 2015.

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs), to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2021.

John W. Leslie, Jr., of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2019.

Linda I. Etim, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2021.

Georgette Mosbacher, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

Todd A. Fisher, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2016.

Deven J. Parekh, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2016.

Robert Annan Riley III, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Karen Brevard Stewart, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Matthew John Matthews, of Oregon, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum.

Marcela Escobari, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Swati A. Dandekar, of Iowa, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador.

Adam H. Sterling, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic.

Kelly Keiderling-Franz, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

Stephen Michael Schwartz, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Christine Ann Elder, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia.

Elizabeth Holzhall Richard, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic. **Page S2914**

Messages from the House: **Pages S2876–77**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—75) **Pages S2851–52**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2911.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017".

STATUS OF ADVANCED NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of advanced nuclear technologies, after receiving testimony from Mark Peters, Director, Idaho National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Jacob DeWitte, Oklo Inc., Sunnyvale, California; John Gilleland, TerraPower, Bellevue, Washington; John L. Hopkins, NuScale Power, Portland, Oregon; and Stephen E. Kuczynski, Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

WATER AND POWER LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 2524, to insure adequate use and access to the existing Bolts Ditch headgate and ditch segment within the Holy Cross Wilderness in Eagle County, Colorado, S. 2533, to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California and provide for long-term investments in drought resiliency throughout the Western United States, S. 2616, to modify certain cost-sharing and revenue provisions relating to the Arkansas Valley Conduit, Colorado, S. 2902, to provide for long-term water supplies, optimal use of existing water supply infrastructure, and protection of existing water rights, and S. 2907, to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to strike the termination date for funding for pilot projects to increase Colorado River System water in Lake Mead, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein and McCain; Estevan Lopez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Leslie Weldon, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Thomas Buschatzke, Arizona Department of Water Resources Director, Phoenix; Bill Long, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Pueblo; Timothy Quinn, Association of California Water Agencies, Sacramento; Laura Ziemer, Trout